

20. The process of claim 18 or 19, wherein said material is selected from the group consisting of sewage, sludge or compost.

21. The process of claim 19, wherein said odour is produced by microorganisms.

22. The process of any one of claims 18 to 21, wherein the amount of said
5 treating substance is at least 5% by weight of material.

23. The process of claim 22, wherein the amount of said treating substance is between 10 to 50% by weight of material.

24. The process of claim 22, wherein the amount of said treating substance is about 25% by weight of material.

10 25. A composting process in which a compostable material is mixed with an amount of a material containing microorganisms and the microorganisms convert the compostable material to compost, wherein the mixture of compostable material and the material containing microorganisms further contains a treating substance that is red mud that has been at least partially reacted with calcium and/or magnesium ions so as to have a
15 reaction pH, when mixed with five times its weight of water, of less than 10.5.

26. The process of claim 25, wherein the amount of said treating substance is between 2 and 20% by weight of said compostable material.

27. The process of claim 25, wherein the amount of said treating substance is about 7% by weight of said compostable material.

20 28. The process of claim 25, wherein said material containing microorganisms and the treating substance are added together.

29. The process of claim 25, wherein said material containing microorganisms and the treating substance are added together in the form of sludge separated from sewage by the process of any one of claims 1 to 17.

25 30. The process of claim 25, wherein said material containing microorganisms and the treating substance are added together in the form of material treated by the process of any one of claims 18 to 24.

31. The process of claim 29 or 30, wherein the amount of said treating substance is about 25% by weight of total solids.